



Special Education Advisory Committee

December 2, 2020 SEAC Meeting PTA/PTO Talking Points

Livestream Recording: <https://vimeo.com/486435290> (Presentation and SEAC Business Meeting)

Materials Link: https://loudounseac.miraheze.org/wiki/December_2,_2020

Presentation: Transition Services for Developing Workplace and Independent Living Skills

Presenter: Marianne Moore, VDOE

Partnered with DBVI and DARS

Next SEAC Meeting January 6, 2021

Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.

School Anxiety

Presented By: Dr. Jonathan Dalton, Founder and Director, Center for Anxiety and Behavioral Change

Business Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

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Public Comment: Lorraine Hightower: Structured Literacy Instruction for all levels Tiers-1, 2, & 3 to meet the diverse needs of all students.

Chair, Sharon Tropf

- Annual Report-Condensed report with top issues from the SEAC survey. Survey was broken down by grade level and disability category. Presentation to the School Board, December 15, 2020.
 - SEAC Survey areas of concern: equity, transparency, transition, accessibility to instructional materials, inclusive practices, and communication.
 - Positive Outcomes: Secondary level schools are fully staffed with a Unified Mental Health team. The elementary schools have a shared Mental Health team.

- Reading Instruction and Early Identification remain a concern. Since 2015 SEAC has supported Structured Literacy as a Tier 1 intervention to provide equitable access to literacy for all students.
- Increase in satisfaction with special education services from 2018-2019.
- **SEAC Bylaws:** A thorough review is being conducted a final edit will be reviewed at the December Executive Committee meeting. Will publish for membership comments. Goal is to have them approved and published in early 2021.
- **PTA/PTO Representatives:** Currently, have received 27 reps from the schools. Training video is complete and will be sent out soon for our PTA/PTA Representative and SEAC Members.
- **Current Issues:** Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) process needs review. This includes the approval process, evaluators, restrictions, and payment considering OSEP review of VDOE. This issue will be referred to the Policy and Compliance Subcommittee.
- **Equity Committee:** SEAC Representative is Craig Metz, Vice Chair of Communications. Please communicate any issues regarding special education and equity.
- **Special Education Task Force:** Formed to address issues that are facing our special education community. The task force is focusing on the accessibility of current distance learning and services for students who are unable to access distance learning due to the lack of a continuum of services. Formal report is in progress.
- **December 7-11, 2020: Inclusive Schools Week; Theme: the time for INCLUSION is now**
- **Virginia IEP Informational Webinar, 12/10 at 6 p.m.** You can register for this event using the following link:
<https://pcgus.webex.com/pcgus/onstage/g.php?MTID=e975e52107c99ff0a1076a1a08983de85>
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B. Executive Committee.

- Next meeting December 21, 2020@ 6:30. Open to the public.

C. Subcommittees Formation.

- Three functioning committees. Prioritize the areas to focus on based on the survey. Work that began in March is incomplete but will use what has been done to move forward. Information from the SEAC 2019-2020 Annual report should be reviewed and priorities set.

D. Parent Resource Services.

Updated website with new information and online trainings. This year, trainings will be a mix of livestream and pre-recorded.

- Kindergarten Connection, Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Mental Health & Wellness Virtual Conference, Saturday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m.
- Inova in partnership with LCPS: Act on Addition: Tools for Resiliency, January 25 - 29
- Subscribe to their Newsletter on their webpage – Keep in Touch

<https://www.lcps.org/ParentResourceServices>

E. Beth Barts, School Board Liaison.

- Policy 5310 leaving as written (allowing no changes to an IEP without an IEP meeting). Will consider revising after the current pandemic situation is over.
- Policy 6210 Reducing size the of student walk zones from 1 mile to .8. Also, capping routes to lone hour or less. Limiting the sitting for middle school and high school to two per seat. Also, asking parents to opt out or into transportation.
- Changing the software that is used to write IEPs, looking at Virginia IEP.
- Motion was made to mandate that cameras be on for class. Parents would be able to opt out.
- Transportation is under review. This will impact bus transportation for next school year.

F. Department of Pupil Services and the Office of Special Education.

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services.

Thank you for your time and support for helping our students. A special thanks to our parents and caregivers during these difficult times. The Office of Special Education is monitoring and providing feedback on the concurrent trainings that are being developed. Welcomed back the next phase of students to school. We are working on communication and transparency.

Excited to see the improved special education satisfaction results published in the 2019-2020 SEAC Annual Report. Multi-tiered supports are available to support intervention for reading instruction.

- Department of Pupil Services November Communique:
<https://www.lcps.org/cms/lib/VA01000195/Centricity/Domain/97/November%202020%20Communique.pdf>

Dr. Nelson, Director of Special Education.

- National Special Education Day signed into law today (December 2). LCPS celebration of Inclusive Schools Week December 7-11. Thank you to all who are working with our students. We are all working to support our students and families, but we must remember our teachers. Teachers are being asked to take on more roles to deliver instruction. LCPS is investigating the use of the Virginia IEP system, information presentation is December 10 at 6 p.m.
- Families who have more than one child receiving special education services are requested to complete a survey for each of their children. **It is important to note that your responses are recorded anonymously and cannot be personally linked to your child. The survey concludes January 31, 2021.**

English Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeenglish>

Spanish Version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vdoeespanol>